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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on advancement of LB 537. Open for discussion on that motion. There are no lights on, Senator Schimek. She waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is advancement of LB 537 to E & R Initial. All in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on advancement of LB 537. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 537.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 537 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: LB 228, Mr. President, a bill introduced by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0269, Legislative Journal page 449.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schimek, as Chairperson of that committee, you're recognized to open on LB 228.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This one is an issue about privacy regarding any person who may be a victim of domestic violence, who may be stalked, who may be in danger for any of those kinds of reasons. And this bill actually has a history. We have tried to introduce bills in the past which would protect people when they file public records. For instance, several years ago we passed a bill in this body that provided for a person's voter registration to be kept confidential if that person had a court order to make that happen. The bill passed, as I said, but, unfortunately, wasn't very accessible to people and there weren't very many people who used that route to try to keep their records and their addresses confidential. And so we struggled for several years trying to figure out a way that we could make something like that happen for all kinds of public records, whether somebody wants to get a